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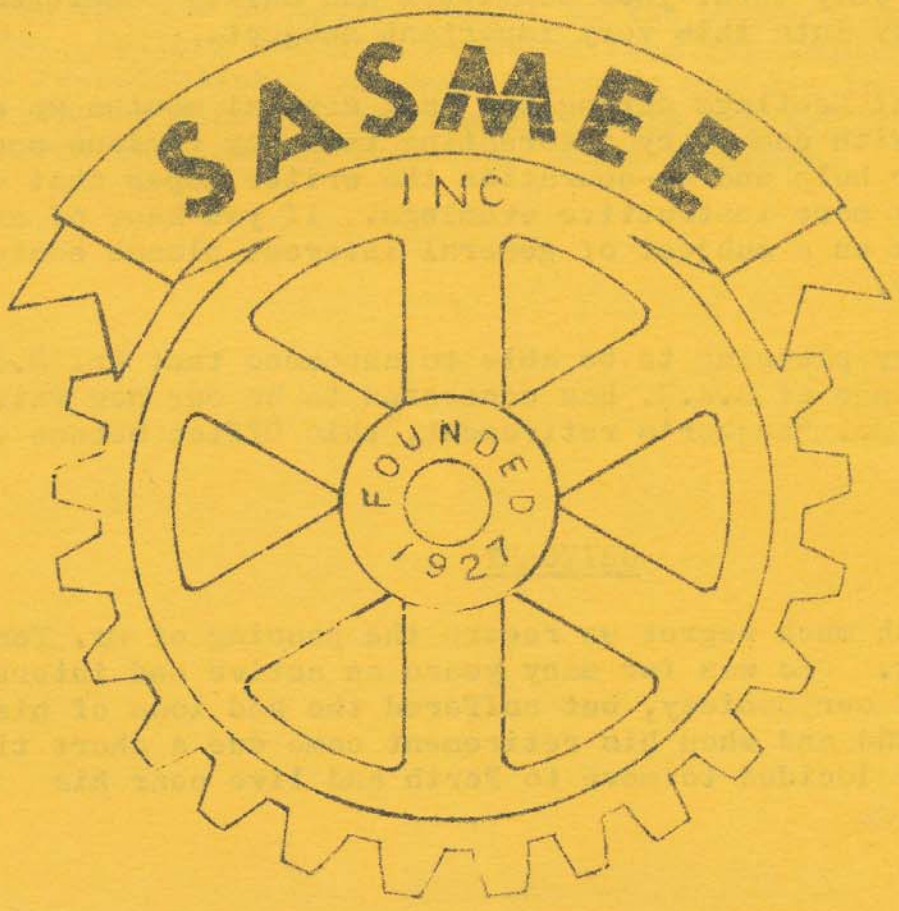

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EDITORIAL

Owing to an alteration in the method of distribution of the "Bulletin" to S.A.S.M.E.E. Members, this quarter's number will cover a period of two months activities only. Future editions will carry the usual 3 months comments etc. This system enables members to receive their copies one meeting month ahead of the new quarter.

Of great interest to modellers are the suggested rules for the safe construction of Steam Boilers and at a special meeting on Tuesday, July 19th, your Committee and Safety Committee delved thoroughly into this very important subject.

At General Meetings during the past several months we have been favored with some very interesting talks by various speakers and with your help and co-operation the writer hopes that we shall have many more instructive evenings. If you know of anybody who can speak on a subject of general interest please contact your Secretary.

It is very pleasing to be able to announce that Mr. R.J. Fitch, Commissioner of S.A.R. has consented to be our new Patron, as owing to Mr. Fargher's retirement, this Office became vacant.

OBITUARY

It is with much regret we record the passing of Mr. Tom Armstrong. He was for many years an active and interesting member of our Society, but suffered the sad loss of his wife during 1964 and when his retirement came due a short time later, he decided to move to Perth and live near his daughter.

OBITUARY (Cont'd).

Tom built and ran a beautifully finished 2½" gauge LBSC "Netta" on our tracks and was well on the way to completing a 3½" gauge "Heilan Lassie". His workshop was typical of his way of life, neat, tidy and equipped with lathe, drill, grinder, shaper and milling machine.

Our introduction to Tom was when he came to Australia as the Engineering Director of the Australian plant of Rubery, Owen and Kemsley in Adelaide, his contacts in this regard considerably enhanced our clubhouse, the library and store shelving being part of it.

He always called on us during his later periodic visits to Adelaide and was an active member of the Western Australian Society. Letters recently received from Tom indicated that he had re-established his home workshop and was looking forward to getting on with "Heilan Lassie", this was not to be and we all regret the loss of this fine model Engineer.

QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

13th September	Jumble Sale: Under the hammer of the old Firm of A. Frankham. Bring along all of your unwanted bits and pieces and take home a bargain.
11th October	Herb Croker will give another talk on his hair-raising experiences at sea. You cannot afford to miss this.
8th November	Tom England will speak on Radio Control. Of special interest to you boat boys.

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS: (Informal)
4th Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.
27th September, 25th October, 22nd November.

WORKING BEES: (Official) 1st Saturday each month at 12 noon.

PUBLIC FIELD DAYS: 3rd Saturday each month 2 - 5 p.m.
17th September, 15th October, 19th November.

CANTEEN ROSTER

GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS (Tuesday Nights).

September	October	November
B. Greenslade	J. Davey	K. Bradford
Bob Smith	R. Stephens	A. Small

RESERVES: A. Small, B. Greenslade, C. Miller (Ph. 46 1520)

FIELD DAYS 3rd Saturday each month.

September	October	November
O. Thomas	D. White	A. Symes
P. Griscti	A. MacKay	B. Greenslade

RESERVES: J. Spry, D. Irving, C. Miller (Ph. 46 1520)

NOTE: DO NOT FORGET THE MILK

INTERSTATE SCENE.

Queensland Society of Model & Experimental Engineers

The "Oilcan" cover depicts an impressive view of Eric Evan's 5" Freelance "Pacific" at S.L.S.L.S. track at West Ryde.

As the writer admits the "Oilcan" features very strongly the Easter Convention at Sydney, but every word is worth reading, especially the trials and tribulations of camping.

Surrey Hills Steam Locomotive Society.

Included in Stan's News Sheet is a sketch of the proposed track at Moorabbin.
The layout certainly makes use of very foot available. Gauges are 3½" and 5" and a smaller track in 2½".
Mention is made of the Paddle Steamer "Etona" and Ian Stewart says that restoration is nearing completion.

Whyalla Society of Model Engineers.

Included in the latest copy of "Ash Pan" are the reports submitted at their Annual General Meeting. They give the reader an excellent picture at our northern friends progress during the past 12 months.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A letter from Geof. Cram of Yongala tells of the birth of a daughter. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Cram.

S.A.S.M.E.E. Members who made the trip to Whyalla over the Queen's Birthday week-end were invited to take up shares in their Club-House. The Certificates have been received and handed to their various owners. They make a nice mementc of an enjoyable week-end.

A letter from Mrs. F. Mackellar mentions that they have several 80 - 150 gauges available at £3-0-0 each. She also says that Mack is improving and is now doing advanced Therapy.

NEWS IN BRIEF (cont'd)

We are hoping to interest the Tourist Bureau, Adelaide in our set-up and have been invited to submit a suitable type of poster for display.

Tom England, who has suffered from muscular pains in the back for some time, told me that he is feeling considerably better.

Our President advises that the B.P. Bob Dyer film to be shown soon, includes a copy which will be presented to our Society and become a part of our film library.

Good progress is being made with the walling along the loco track by the tennis courts and undoubtedly it is a great improvement.

The telephone is installed at the Secretary's house. It should be a great convenience for Members wishing to contact me. The number is 79 5292.

We shall shortly have a good stock of B.A. hexagon bolts, rivets, and rustless steel and bronze balls, as, in addition to Members own orders for same, a good range has been ordered to be held for sale by S.A.S.M.E.E.

A good move is the purchase of 6 white dustcoats to be worn by members acting as officials on Field Days. A badge inscribed "Official" is pinned on a green background and will help to control the numerous small boys who manage to create a safety problem.

Badges for other Officers have been purchased and will enable visitors to identify the person they are seeking.

We wish to thank Mrs. Croker for her assistance in running the canteen.

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER.

A warm welcome is extended to Allan Wallace, Student Member. We wish you many pleasant hours of Modelling.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END AT WHYALLA.

One of the high-lights of this quarter's activities was the week-end at Whyalla Society of Model Engineers.

Saturday was spent running the locos in cold and windy conditions, but despite the weather a good attendance of the Public turned up in the afternoon to sample the thrills of a ride behind a live steam engine.

The wives of the local members turned on an excellent lunch for the visitors, starting off with hot soup which was very welcome.

With the day over we were invited to tea by various families and made to feel completely at home.

Prior to this John Welch had made arrangements for us to sleep at George Nicholson's property "Tregelana" where we were comfortably quartered in the shearers bunk house.

Before going to bed an hour was spent in the kitchen, where certain members regaled the party with some very dubious bed-time stories. Without mentioning any names, I think that an auctioneer friend of mine did his best to split our sides laughing.

Our host had kindly supplied eggs and bacon, bread, butter etc. and on arising we were greeted with a most delicious aroma from the kitchen. It appears that Alan Frankham, who apparently could not sleep too well, had arisen early, stoked up the kitchen stove and had cooked a first class breakfast for all. On behalf of all present, many thanks Alan. I might add that the same procedure was adopted on Monday morning.

Sunday morning was spent at the track again and once again the ladies turned on an excellent lunch, barbecue fashion.

Light rain caused a cessation of running in the afternoon and we spent an hour or so sight-seeing.

The evening was spent at "Tregelana" station where about fifty people were made welcome with a huge barbecue, real bush fashion.

This was followed by a film show in the Woolshed. After a suitable word of thanks to our host and hostess and also the movie operator we retired to our virtuous beds.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END AT WHYALLA (cont'd)

Monday morning through the courtesy of B.H.P. our party was conducted over the steel making plant. Words cannot describe the magnitude of this undertaking. To see a crucible containing over 100 tons of molten steel being poured into the ingot moulds is truly an awe-inspiring sight and we left in the knowledge that this State is making huge strides in the heavy industrial field. Most of us left Whyalla for home just after 12 o'clock, reaching Port Augusta in time for lunch, and then back to Adelaide.

Altogether it was an exceptionally enjoyable week-end and is to be recommended to Members.

FIELD DAY - JULY 16TH.

In fine but cold weather we were favored with a good attendance by the Public.

They were entertained with hydroplanes and steam propelled craft handled by -

N. KERNICK	J. MOORFIELD
B. PERRIN	H. CROKER

The Steam House held its usual attraction for those who watched steam powered stationary plant of a bye-gone era, in operation.

On the loco track children and adults, young in heart, enjoyed the smell of hot oil, steam and smoke, and no doubt worked a feeling of nostalgia amongst the older generation.

The Drivers for the day were:

J. Wakefield,	"Bantam Cock"	Bob Smith,	"Lady Novice"
M. Dunkley,	"Springbok"	M. Mitchell,	"Brittania"
A. Brabham,	"Springbok"	L. Peckham,	"Juliet"
J. Moorefield,	"W.A. Diesel"	M. Turner,	"Brittania"

Amongst the visitors were "Brighton Gardens" Church of Christ Cabin Boys in charge of Mr. J. Webber, known as "Skipper", and 19 boys from Glandore Boys Home in charge of Matron Watt.

A NEW FEATURE

WANTED TO BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE.

Members are invited to use the above heading for anything in connection with Model Engineering. There is no charge made and I hope to see it used as it could be a useful means of securing materials and equipment.

S.A.S.M.E.E. will not accept any responsibility for goods described in this column, and all transactions are to be entirely between the buyer and seller.

John Mell, 18 Findon Road, Salisbury, S.A. has for Sale: Change Wheels, Studs, Quadrant, and Gear Case for Myford Super Seven Lathe.

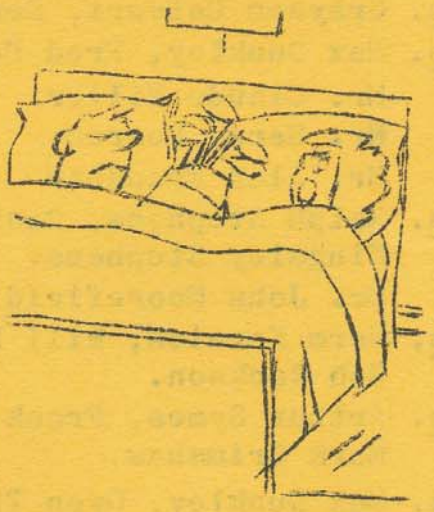
Geoff. Cram, Box 24, Yongala, S.A. requires a single or multi cylinder slide valve steam engine for his "Bismark" (Naval vessel).

1967 EASTER CONVENTION OF MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALIA.

An invitation is extended to all Model Engineering Societies in Australia to attend the 1967 Convention to be held next Easter at S.A.S.M.E.E. Park, Adelaide, S.A.

Full details will follow later in the year and will cover Accommodation Bookings and a programme at the 4 days activities.

'AND YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING TO YOUR MOTHERS'



'THIS IS BECOMING MORE THAN A HOBBY'

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